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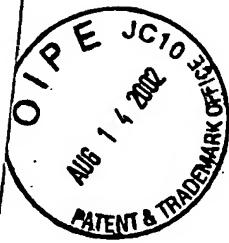
Applicants: Patrick M. Brown, et al.

Confirmation No.: 4701

Serial No : 10/047,440

Filed: 14 January 2002

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING NIOBIUM AND TANTALUM COMPOUNDS



**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION – FILING DATE GRANTED**

14 August 2002

Box Missing Parts  
The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS**

I. In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," mailed 15 February 2002, enclosed please find the following documents for the above-identified application.

- A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application – Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Filing Date Granted."
- A copy of the original combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent application number 08/542,296.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, August 14, 2002, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL 886 078 151 US addressed to: Box Missing Parts, The Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231.

Signature: Ellen R. Ringland  
Name of person mailing paper: Ellen R. Ringland

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**LARGE ENTITY STATUS**

II. Applicant is other than a small entity.

**COMPLETION FEES**

III. Completion Fees

1. Filing Fee

Original Patent Application \$ 740.00  
(37 CFR 1.16(a) --\$740.00)

2. Fees for claims

each independent claim in excess of 3 \$ 336.00  
(37 CFR 1.16(b) -- \$84.00)

each claim in excess of 20 \$ 270.00  
(37 CFR 1.16(c) -- \$18.00)

multiple dependent claim(s) \$  
(37 CFR 1.16(d) -- \$280.00)

3. Surcharge Fees

late payment of filing fee \$

and/or

late filing of original declaration or oath \$ 130.00  
(37 CFR 1.16(e) -- \$130.00)

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

IV. Extension of Term

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> One month	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	\$ 400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months	\$ 920.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four months	\$ 1,440.00

Extension Fee Due \$ 1,440.00

*If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.*

An extension for month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

**Extension fee due with this request \$**

**or**

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

V. The total fee due is:

Completion Fee(s) \$ 1,476.00

Extension Fee (if any) \$ 1,440.00

**Total Fee Due \$ 2,916.00**

## **PAYMENT OF FEES**

VI.  Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$  
 Please charge **Deposit Account Number 03-0060** of Cabot Corporation the sum  
of **\$ 2,916.00**.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES**

VII.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper under 37 CFR 1.16, or processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication and during the entire pendency of this application to **Deposit Account Number 03-0060**. Please credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account Number 03-0060**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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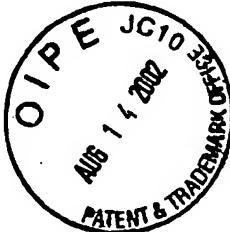


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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:101	740.00 CH
02 FC:102	336.00 CH
03 FC:103	270.00 CH
04 FC:105	130.00 CH

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$606.
  - \$270 for 15 total claims over 20.
  - \$336 for 4 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1476.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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